Telecast Of Krishna Janamashtmi Festivals

6740. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Programmes relating to festivals like Krishna Janamshtmi etc. are telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) whether Doordarshan has neither given adequate time to telecast the programmes relating to Ganeshostsav celebrated in Maharashtra and the time provided to Ganeshostsav on National Network during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide adequate time for telecast of the programmes relating to Ganeshutsav during the year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e). Doordarshan telecast suitable programmes on important festivals including 'Krishna Janamashtmi' and 'Ganesh Utsav' from time to time. The coverage of celebrations of these festivals at various parts of the country found place in its news bulletins and through special programmes. During 1989 and 1990, the following four programmes were telecast in the National network on the occasion of 'Ganesh Utsav';

(i) A TV report for a duration of 18.09 mts. on 29.10.89;

(ii) Programme titled "Ek Dant The Eternal' for a duration fo 20 mts. on 24.08.90;

(iii) 'Ganesh Stuti'- a devotional music programme for a duration of 10 mts. on 04.09.90; and

(iv) 'Ganpati Visarjan' a TV Report for a duration of 20 mts. on 06.09.90. This year also, it is envisaged to mount an appropriate programme on the occasion in addition to covering th celebrations suitably.

Construction Of Houses Under Indira Awas Yojna

6741. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to pay cash to the beneficiarties of Indira Awas Yojana under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana for construction fo houses;

(b) the number of persons to whom the amount of assistance provided in 1990-91 and upto July of 1991-92; and

(c) the total number of houses constructed during 1990-91 in the country and the targets fixed for this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Implementation, monitoring and supervision of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) works including Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), a sub-scheme of JRY, is done by the State Agencies. Under IAY engagement of Contractors is strictly prohibited in the construction of IAY houses. Nor do the central guidelines permit their construction departmentally. These houses are required to be constructed by the beneficiaries themselves by marking their own arrangements. Assistance under IAY is not required to be given in lump sum to the beneficiaries. Payments to the beneficiaries are to be made in instalments on a staggered

basis depending on the progress of the work under IAY.

(b) and (c). During 1990-91, 1,70,131 houses are reported to have been constructed against the target of 1,22,100 houses. Construction of 1,4734 houses was reported to be in progress in the country during 1990-91.

So far as 1991-92 is concerned, it may be mentioned that progress of IAY is monitored on the quarterly basis through Quarterly Progress Reports. As per the available reports, 4437 houses are reported to have been constructed upto June of 1991-92 under I.A.Y.

[*English*]

Kendriya Bhandar

6742. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether samples of pulses were lifted by the Department of Food Adulteration from the branches of Kendriya Bhandar during 1990 and 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the items of which samples were lifted and on which reports have been submitted;

(c) whether there is any proposal to tone up the working of the Kendriya Bhandar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Samples of Rajma Chitra, Moong Whole and Masoor Whole were lifted by the officials of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration from a Branch of the Kendriya Bhandar in July, 1990. No adverse report was received in respect of Moong Whole and Massor Whole. The report in respect of Rajma Chitra was challenged by the Kendriya Bhandar. The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration therefore had the sample retested by the Public Analyst, Chandigarh who declared that it conforms to standard.

The performance of the Kendriya Bhandar has been satisfactory. Nonetheless, the working of the stores of the Kendriya Bhandar is constantly monitored and corrective action taken where necessary.

Studies Undertaken By Scientists At Antarctica

6743. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the studies undertaken by Indian scientists on Antarctica;

(b) the next data of the proposed expedition by Indian Team;

(c) the average expenditure incurred by the team in one expedition; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The scientific studies have been carried out in the areas of earth sciences, biology and oceanography, atmospheric sciences, meteorology, environmental physiology and engineering aspects. The details of the studies are given in the attached Statement -I

(b) Next Indian scientific expedition to